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1. Alibunar Airport

- a. Youth Assault Brigades are being employed in the reconstruction of the Alibunar Airport. The geographical position of the airfield is 45° 04' N. - 21° 00' E., north of Banatski Karlovac, between this town and Alibunar.
- b. The reconstruction of this airdrome, which was seriously damaged by Allied bombardment, is being carried out at maximum speed. The field is four square kilometers. The earth is very compact. Besides the Youth Assault Brigades, political prisoners condemned to forced labor, who are interned in the Karlovac concentration camp, are being employed in the reconstruction work.

2. Zemun Civilian Airport

- a. Apart from a few minor air ports which are used only during the summer season, the bulk of national and international civil air services in Yugoslavia is served by three airports, Zemun (Belgrade), Lucko (Zagreb) and Devica Marija Polju (Ljubljana). In spite of the fact that Yugoslav technicians have devoted all their care to make these three airports as efficient as possible, it is recognized that because of its favorable position, the Zemun airdrome will eventually become one of the most important airfields for civil air services in south-eastern Europe.
- b. A great drawback, however, is constituted by its limited area, bounded as it is by the railroad line and the river, as well as by other inconveniences. Consequently the airport has proved to be absolutely inadequate for the present requirements and the needs of increased traffic in the future. Currently the airport is used by eight foreign air services, with a total movement of about 60 airplanes per week, apart from several Yugoslav lines.
- c. With a view toward making plans for its use as a first class international airport, a commission of Yugoslav, Russian and Czechoslovakian technicians had been formed. It is known that Major Boris Volkof, of the Russian Air Force (who was a member of the said commission) had prepared a detailed plan which was approved by the Yugoslav Air Ministry. The project contemplated the construction of three large hangars and

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twelve buildings which will be used as workshops, storage depots, lodgings, etc cetra.

3. School for training Paratroopers

- a. Training courses for paratroopers are being held at the Vrsac Airport. These courses are organized by the General Command of the Yugoslav Air Force. The courses are theoretical and practical. The former last four weeks, the latter two weeks. An average of 450-500 troops, belonging to special units, and about 150-200 civilians, who are members of the "Technique and Sports" Organization, attend the course every day.
- b. Two towers (one of which is already in use) have been built for the practical exercises.
- c. Major Milos Trifunovic, of the Yugoslav Air Force, is in charge of these courses, while one Captain Boris Vudj, a Russian, is head of the staff of teachers and instructors, who are all Russians or of Russian origin.

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